

Los Angeles, CA - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez was honored today for her environmental and water protection efforts with the “2006 H. David Nahai Water Quality Award” by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. The award recognizes extraordinary efforts to safeguard or restore water quality in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

The Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board, which is part of the California Environmental Protection Agency, works to improve water quality in the Los Angeles region by managing watershed, stormwater and groundwater systems. Other 2006 Honorees include actress Daryl Hannah and State Senator Alan Lowenthal.

“We need drinking water and environmental protections for families today and for future generations,” said Congresswoman Sánchez. “It doesn’t get any more basic than that.”

Congresswoman Sánchez has a strong record of support for the environment. The League of Conservation Voters gave Congresswoman Sánchez a score of 100% for her support of environmental legislation during the second session of the 109th Congress.

Congresswoman Sánchez has secured federal funds for innovative local stormwater reduction projects, including a bio-swale to be constructed along Whittier Blvd. in the City of Whittier and bio-retention tree wells to be constructed along Paramount Blvd. in Lakewood and Long Beach.

She also secured a recent win for Southern California’s environment and water supply when the U.S. House of Representatives passed her bill, the “Southern California Water Augmentation Study Act” on September 28, 2006. The study will assess the potential of urban stormwater infiltration to augment water supplies and protect the ocean and beaches, and determine the benefits, costs and risks of infiltration. The bill is now awaiting action by the Senate.

“I am proud of the work we have accomplished to protect our water supply, as well as our ocean and beaches. It is critical that we continue to seek new ways to protect this vital resource,” said Congresswoman Sánchez.